

What is CERT?

Following a major disaster, fire, police and other first responders may not be able to immediately reach all people who need help. The CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, program prepares people to respond to emergencies in their communities.

CERT training promotes a partnership between emergency services and the people that they serve. Emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into their community's emergency response capability.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until professional help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in ongoing training exercises and activities. They may attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency and other partners. Finally, CERT members may volunteer for projects that improve a community's emergency response capability.



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Community Emergency Response Team Training



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Hands on Training

Emergency Preparedness

Disaster workers, threats, impact on the infrastructure, structural and non-structural hazards, and hazard mitigation

Fire Safety

Fire chemistry, hazardous materials, reducing hazards, CERT size up, firefighting resources safety, and fire suppression.

Emergency Medical-Part I

Recognizing and treating life threatening conditions and triage.

Emergency Medical-Part II

Organization of disaster medical operations, head-to-toe assessments, establishing treatment areas, minor medical treatment and public health considerations.

Light Search and Rescue Operations

Planning, size-up, conducting search/rescue; and cribbing techniques.

CERT Organization

Decision-making, documentation, and tabletop exercise.

Disaster Psychology

Team's well-being, working with survivors of disasters or emergencies.

Terrorism and CERT

Define and identify terrorism, CBRNE indicators

Course Review and Disaster Simulation

Course review, disaster simulation, and exercise critique and summary

CERT

Community Emergency Response

Team Training

24 hours to a safer community!

CERT training will be offered
as a series of 5 sessions

Friday, October 20, 2006

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Saturday, October 21, 2006

8:00 AM - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 22, 2006

8:00 AM - 12:00 and 1:00—5:00 PM

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Please [register](#) contacting Susan Berger at

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Registration deadline is October 15, 2006

Visit our website www.arcbadger.org

and click on the "CERT" link

CERT Training is FREE!

How does CERT benefit the community?

Community Emergency Response Team training provides you with the knowledge to care for yourself, your family and your neighbors immediately after a disaster.

People who complete CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community. They can take steps to lessen the effects of these hazards.

When disaster strikes, CERT members can apply their training to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates until help arrives. Then, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their relief efforts, as directed at the disaster site.

CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that enhance the safety of the community. CERT members have distributed and installed smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in homes of the elderly, distributed disaster education materials and provided services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

When disaster strikes

FIRST— Dust yourself off

NEXT— Take care of your family

THEN— Help your neighbors

Will you know what to do?

CERT can help you prepare!